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Bank report

ONE reading of the Industrial Bank committee's report is enough to make one regret two features of it: the terms of reference and the composition of the committee. It would have been an immensely more valuable report if the committee's inquiry had permitted it to consider at the same time the alternative proposition of a Development Corporation and if the committee itself had not been so top-heavy with bankers.

Missing were representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Industries who are the leading representatives of local industry. The only non-banker on the committee apart from Mr J. J. Cowerthwaite, a Government financial expert, was Mr Dhun Rattonjee. Colonel J. D. Clague as one of the main protagonists of the Development Corporation/Industrial Bank idea, and Dr S. N. Chau, HKFI Chairman, or their representatives should have been on the committee as well.

THE Chamber of Commerce, supported by the Federation, sent in their views after a long and obviously very thoughtful study of the problem but because their proposals came outside the committee's terms of reference, they were not considered. It is difficult to understand why if the committee felt justified in exceeding its terms to determine the circumstances in which an industrial bank would be useful, it did not also give some time to considering the Chamber's views.

It may be argued in defence of Government's instructions to the committee, that local thinking on the precise functions of an industrial bank had not sufficiently crystallised when the committee was appointed in January, 1959, but they were certainly very much clearer a year later and Government could have amplified its terms of reference. As it is the effect of the committee's report is that it has given much time and attention to considering a secondary project and ignored the most important.

THE key point of the report is the statement that "if diversification is considered of such vital importance that more than normal risks must be taken to achieve it, or that subsidies are required to encourage it, then possibly an industrial bank financed by Government funds would have a role to play." This is a matter in which Government and certainly the Federation of Industries should have an important say. The opinions of the Chamber and the HKFI suggest diversification is of first-rank importance and they have framed recommendations to deal with it and other features of the economy. It is now up to Government to give these separate consideration.

Beyond this it is pleasing to see the increasing part banks are playing in the expansion of local industry. But the feeling persists that the Colony needs another source of finance for development, particularly one through which Government policy can be exercised.

'They don't believe their own charge' says Lodge

MORE 'NYETS' FROM RUSSIANS

Western efforts for RB-47 inquiry vetoed

United Nations, July 26. The Soviet Union cast its veto twice tonight to block Western efforts to find out what really happened to the British based RB-47 plane brought down by the Russians in the Barents Sea on July 1.

Mr Vasily Kuznetsov, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, voted "no" on a United States proposal in the Security Council to set up an international inquiry or refer the case to the World Court, and on an Italian resolution to give International Red Cross representatives access to Soviet held survivors of the crew.

Only the Polish delegate, Mr Bohdan Lewandowski, voted with the Soviet Union.

The nine other members — Argentina, Britain, Ceylon, China, Ecuador, France, Italy, Tunisia and the United States — voted for the two resolutions.

Reversed

The position was reversed on a Soviet bid to condemn the United States for an "aggressive act" in allegedly violating Soviet air space through the RB-47's ill-fated flight. Only the Soviet Union and Poland voted for this proposal.

Wives of the crew of the aircraft were in the public gallery almost throughout the three days of debate and were there when the crucial votes were taken tonight.

Mr Henry Cabot Lodge of the United States, who had vigorously denied the Soviet charges and produced charts and maps to support his version of the aircraft's route on its last day, bitterly rebuked the Soviet delegate for spurning an international inquiry.

"They don't believe their own charge, or they would have welcomed an investigation," he said.

'Cold hearted'

Mr Lodge regretted that the "warm hearted" Soviet people, of whose good nature he had had personal evidence — he visited the Soviet Union earlier this year — were represented by a government so "cold hearted, as brutal and as hard as it has shown itself to be tonight."

Speaking directly to an immobile Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Vasily V. Kuznetsov, Mr Lodge asked: "What are you crying about? When I said on the first day of this debate that your proposal was hypocritical, that's what I meant. How can you campaign about us when that is what you are doing?"

"If the Soviet Union is a great power with growing might and prestige — which it is — then, it ought to act like one. It ought not to hide things as though in fear of getting caught."

Mr Kuznetsov, in all the years I have been here — and it is almost eight years — I can't ever remember the Soviet Union being willing to have an impartial investigation of any of its acts. I submit to you that that is out of date. We want a world in which there is not Soviet fact, or American fact, but just facts which can be accepted."

Mr Kuznetsov last night indicated anew that he would veto both a U.S. proposal for an international investigation of the RB-47 incident and an Italian measure proposing that the International Red Cross be permitted to contact survivors of the ill-fated plane facing spy charges in Russia.

No satisfaction

Mr Lodge smiled at Mr Kuznetsov's demand that the United States produce "the scientific devices" by which it traced the flight of the RB-47 downed over the Barents Sea on July 1.

"I explained yesterday that the United States possesses such scientific devices," he said. "I am sure the Soviet military authorities would like to know all about these devices."

"I can also assure you that the United States is not going to

give you that satisfaction and I am not going to disclose U.S. military secrets.

"He (Kuznetsov) expected me to prove his answer but he doesn't prove his charge. What kind of backward reasoning is that?... We are not in Moscow. We are in the United Nations. That makes a great difference."

Mr Kuznetsov, while rejecting the proposal for Red Cross intervention, hinted that relatives of Lt. John McKone and Lt. Freeman Olmstead might be granted permission by Soviet authorities to visit the two RB-47 survivors. — Reuter and UPI.

Anglo-U.S. talks on air bases

Washington, July 26. A British delegation headed by Sir Patrick Deane, deputy Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, met United States officials here today for talks on the Anglo-American air bases agreement.

The discussions which are expected to take only a few days, are being held at the State Department. The objective is to see whether any notifications or improvements are required in the arrangements for consultation under the bases agreement.

The talks were requested by Mr Harold Macmillan, and President Eisenhower readily agreed to them.

Mr Macmillan announced in the House of Commons on July 12 that he was taking up the issue with the President.

He did so when he was answering questions about the United States RB-47 plane shot down by the Soviet Union on July 1. The plane took off from the Brize Norton American air base near Oxford. — Reuter.

Gleam of hope for nuclear ban

London, July 26. Mr Ormsby-Gore, Britain's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said tonight he believed it possible that the East-West conference on the discontinuance of nuclear weapon tests in Geneva could "reach agreement this year, even later on this summer."

This was "the one gleam of hope in the surrounding gloom," he told the House of Commons in a debate on disarmament.

Mr Ormsby-Gore said he believed the latest United States plan was a real effort to meet some of the Soviet criticisms.

If the Russian delegation had not walked out of the disarmament conference he thought they would have been able to report definite progress to the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr Ormsby-Gore said he thought the strategic Russian walk-out at Geneva "was necessary to the Soviet Union in view of speeches made by Mr Khrushchev."

Mr Philip Noel-Baker (Labour), a Nobel peace prize

The rains came and the heatwave ends

Hongkong's 10½-day heatwave came to an end this morning when heavy rain began falling soon after 11 a.m.

The heatwave was almost a record. The Colony recorded an 11-day hot spell in July of 1953. Maximum temperatures were the highest for two years.

Today's noon temperature showed a decided drop compared with the same time yesterday. Today's reading was 81.8 degrees compared with yesterday's of 91.

A spokesman for the Royal Observatory said the rain signalled the end to the hot spell.

Typhoon Polly which caused the heatwave was now moving away and the Colony was coming into the south-westerly monsoon.

"This will mean an end to the extreme high temperatures, and more showery conditions can be expected," he said.

Despite the torrid heat which drove thousands every evening to the Colony beaches and forced thousands to sleep on the streets and verandahs, Government hospitals reported today that there had been no cases of heat prostration.

Nixon wins civil rights victory

Chicago, July 27. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon won a spectacular civil rights victory at the Republican convention tonight and was said to have tapped Henry Cabot Lodge as his top choice for a vice-presidential running mate.

Mr Nixon, who will be nominated for President at the convention tonight, scored his civil rights triumph when he forced the platform committee to approve the far-reaching plank he said he needed to campaign against the Democrats in November.

The committee discarded the "watered-down" plan it had endorsed a bare 24 hours earlier. Substituted was a plank which committee chairman Charles H. Percy said "embodies views Vice-President Nixon has been fighting for."

Any chance that Mr Rockefeller ever had for the presidential nomination vanished when he announced that his New York delegation would cast its 96 votes for Mr Nixon when the convention votes in its nominees tonight.

In making the announcement, the Governor also again ruled himself out of the running for Vice-President on the ticket. He did so despite the fact a group of New York delegates still wanted to get him in nomination for the Vice-Presidency. — UPI.

Boy scout racket in Italy alleged

Rome, July 26. Four top leaders of the Italian National Association of Boy Scouts were arrested today on charges of defrauding Italians out of US\$83,000 in a wayward boys' reform racket.

In Italy the Boy Scout organisation never became widespread. The Young Explorers and Italian Catholic Scout organisations which are larger, were not involved in the charges.

Arrested were Enrico Gabriel De Benedicis, known as the Duke of San Vincenzo and Roccarviva, commander-in-chief of the Boy Scout organisation, and three of his national lieutenants.

'COLLECTIONS'

De Benedicis and his aides were accused of collecting "guarantee deposits" of US\$2,000 or more from Italians offered posts as directors of recreation rooms for wayward youths. The investigation was based on complaints by 20 or more persons that they had paid over the "guarantee money" in the hope of obtaining profitable positions managing such halls, but that they had never been given the jobs.

The police charged that most of the money collected had been divided up between De Benedicis and his top aides. — AP.

Angry Etna

Catania, July 26. Incandescent rocks and sand were tossed 150 feet into the air today as Mount Etna continued its latest eruption which started late last night.

Experts at the Vulcanological Institute here said explosions from both the northern and the 10,800 ft volcano every 10 to 12 minutes.

The volcano erupted twice last week, but its activity had subsided until yesterday. — Reuter.

Jamaican rebels have undercover men in America

New York, July 26. A New York City Negro policeman was named by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan as "the undercover man in charge of security" for a terrorist organisation bent on capturing control of the British island of Jamaica in the West Indies.

Mr Hogan said patrolman Noel J. Agard, 29, had been charged with taking part in New York suburbs to raise funds for the Jamaica revolutionary movement.

Hogan said Agard was specifically charged with being the driver of a getaway car in the March 2 \$8,600 hold up of a photo-engraving firm in New York.

Agard worked in a borough where many West Indians live.

Group formed

Agard was suspended by the police department last Saturday for an unannounced violation of regulations. Mr Hogan said today Agard is one of seven men being held on various charges in connection with at least six robberies.

He said Agard and the others are members of the First Africa Corps, a Negro group formed in Jamaica in 1958 to fight British rule of the island. Eight men from the New York area, including two who took part in the March 2 robbery here, are awaiting trial on murder and treason charges in Kingston, Jamaica.

Smuggling arms

Mr Hogan said about fifty members of the First Africa Corps in the New York area had headquarters, called "The Hut," in an apartment basement in the borough of the Bronx, in a Negro neighbourhood.

Members of the group, intent on obtaining and smuggling arms to Jamaica, had joined rifle clubs and held military drills, Mr Hogan said.

A police department spokesman said Agard was born in Jamaica and was brought to New York as a child of five. He is married and has two children.

The murder charges against members of the movement are listed in Jamaica stem from the killing of two members of the Hampshire Regiment during a raid on an Africa Corps encampment in the Jamaica mountains, and from death sentences meted out to Jamaicans by "kangaroo courts" of the corps. — AP.

Soviet UN delegate ill

United Nations, July 26. Mr Arkady Sobolev Soviet permanent delegate to the UN suffered a heart attack last Thursday it was learned today. Members of his delegation said that he was recovering satisfactorily. — AFP.

NORTH WEST FRONTIER

Opening its run tomorrow in Hongkong theatres is the exciting, colourful film of an antiquated train's drama-packed journey through the rebel-infested North West Frontier of India at the turn of the century.

The story will be exclusively serialised in the China Mail starting tomorrow. Don't miss it!

TRIBUTE TO THE MAN WITH NO RELIGION

London, July 26. Cabinet ministers, peers and ambassadors — including that of Japan — joined miners in Westminster Abbey today for a memorial service for Aneurin Bevan — late deputy leader of the Labour Party — the man who did not believe in religion.

Mr Bevan, 62, died three weeks ago and was cremated in his native Wales, where he once worked as a pitboy.

The Anglican Bishop of Southwark, today told a congregation of 2,000 including Mr Harold Macmillan, that he believed Mr Bevan would view the service "with a mixture of suspicion and respect."

"He would not be moved at the thought of a bishop of the Church of England making a panegyric speech in Westminster Abbey, but he would appreciate the desire of his friends to pay tribute to him."

Dr Stockwood said he had known Mr Bevan for 20 years.

HATED HUMBAG

Aneurin Bevan hated humbug and he would not wish me to pretend that he was other than what he was — a humanist and an agnostic.

"But in so far as his life was devoted to the poor, the hungry, the unwanted and the oppressed, he was, as I see it, serving God even though he did not consciously recognise Him."

Mr Bevan's widow, Miss Jennie Lee, herself a Labour Member of Parliament, was at the service with a number of her husband's relatives.

Although Mr Bevan was not a religious man, today's service followed the usual pattern, with prayers, hymns, psalms and readings from the New Testament.

The hymns included one of Mr Bevan's favourites, Blake's "Jerusalem" to music by Sir Hubert Parry. — Reuter.

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ANOTHER TAKEOVER BID

British plastic concern turns down offer

Takeover bids are still making news. Alexander Thomson talks with the head of a £5½ million concern whose firm has been the target of bidders.

London's Haymarket on a July day. How many stories were behind those windows I wondered as I walked down this celebrated thoroughfare.

Here was Haymarket house. One of the name plates in the entrance hall—British Industrial Plastics Ltd.

This is a £5½ million concern that has been much in the stock market's eye of late. Takeover bidders have been after it.

Last month Mr. Charles Glassey the Chairman revealed that there had been approaches "by more than one substantial company."

A few days ago, he said that "negotiations" had been "discontinued." A lot of folk have since wondered why.

So I asked to see Mr. Glassey to try to find out the answer to this question. He gave it promptly.

Benefit

He said: "We are only just beginning to feel the benefit of a long-term policy of expansion."

"It is natural therefore that we should feel a desire to see our plans come to fruition."

I said: "In other words, you did not consider the offers for the company good enough in relation to prospects?"

"Right," said Mr. Glassey. "How many offers were there? Two, he told me, and both were from companies outside the plastic industry but wanting to get in."

One of the bidders I believe was the £70 million British Oxygen Co. I asked if this were so. "I have promised not to mention names," Mr. Glassey replied.

His prospects? "I look forward to a succession of years in which our activities will steadily expand."

"This year, profits will show an increase of more than 55 per cent. That will be rather exceptional. A number of our new projects are paying off at the same time."

"We cannot budget of course against a worldwide recession in trade."

"But in normal circumstances I would hope for an annual growth of ten per cent or more over the next few years." And on dividends? "If shareholders support you in future years they should be rewarded when profits rise."

Rewards

Evidently the stock market is hoping for substantial rewards. For BIP shares are now on a yield basis of only £2 6s per cent.

An increase in dividend from 11½ per cent to 18 per cent should certainly be forthcoming for this year.

The BIP concern makes a wide range of plastic products for industry. Electrical components and structural sheeting are among its specialities.

It also has an active engineering side. It sells machinery for plastics making all over the world.

I asked one last question. "Have you had any more take-over offers?"

He said: "No. And thank goodness the holiday season is nearly here. It should give us a breather from that sort of thing for a while."—London Express Service.

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

London stocks slightly weaker

London, July 26. Yesterday's continued decline on Wall Street and news of the African situation brought a general drop in prices on stock markets today. But most of the losses were small.

Buyers were in the main discouraged, and there was only a modest volume.

In the foreign bond market, losses were noted in Greek bonds, Japanese assessed issues showed a few gains of up to one-eighth of a point.

Gold-edged were slightly easier, closing with losses of up to one-eighth.

Dollar stocks failed to recover any lost ground after yesterday's Wall Street dip, and the dollar premium was reduced to nil in view of lack of interest in American issues.

Industrials showed small losses. Unilever dropped three shillings four and one-half pence to 157 shillings 7½ pence but most of these issues were dull.

Oils closed quietly firm with a rise of the shilling recorded in Shell, but there was little change in most other companies.

Rubbers were lower where changed, and less closed on a quietly irregular note. Tins showed losses on a fairly wide scale.

Coppers lost some ground. Golds were steadier though little business was done.—UPI.

Closing Prices

Gilts and Bonds	
British Treasury 3½, 1978/88	100 00
Consols 2½, 24½	100 00
Consols 2½, 24½	100 00
Consols 2½, 24½	100 00
Consols 2½, 24½	100 00
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Banks	
Barclay's Bank "A" Ltd ord-58s	100 00
Chartered Bank—51s	100 00
Hongkong & Shanghai—51s	100 00
Oversea-Chinese Bank—51s	100 00
National & Grindlays Bank—51s	100 00
Union Insurance Canton—51s	100 00

Aircraft and Motors	
British Aircraft Corp. Ord-16s	100 00
De Havilland Aircraft—16s	100 00
Hawker Siddeley Group Ord-20s	100 00
Boeing Aircraft—20s	100 00
De Havilland Aircraft—20s	100 00
Hawker Siddeley Group Ord-20s	100 00
Boeing Aircraft—20s	100 00
De Havilland Aircraft—20s	100 00
Hawker Siddeley Group Ord-20s	100 00

Food and Tobacco	
British American Tobacco Co. Ltd—56s	100 00
Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd—56s	100 00
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Wall Street recovers with slight gains

New York, July 26. Stocks managed their first gain in more than two weeks today despite some afternoon selling which cut early gains in half.

Although the rise was not a strong one it was seen by many experts as a successful test of the old lows. Prices yesterday came within touching distance of a critical testing area after declining in 11 consecutive sessions.

Brokers now are hoping the list will be able to rise steadily from this level as it did last March 8 and again on May 2.

However, some of the experts say this seems doubtful unless there is a sharp improvement in the international situation and the business outlook.

BEST GAINS

Gains ranged to as much as eight points in polaroid, and appeared in all sections. The recent heavy losses registered some of the best gains.

Eastman Kodak and Union Carbide paced the blue chips with gains of around four each. General Electric and Alcoa jumped nearly two.

Electronics featured gains of about five points in IBM and more than two in Beckman and Varian.

Youngstown jumped nearly two in a revived steel group despite the rather dim outlook for the industry. U.S. Steel jumped nearly one and others tacked on fractions.

Motorists also found some increased support, particularly Ford which rose about one point. Rails tacked on fractions.

Today's volume was 2,720,000 shares and of a total 1,205 shares traded, 632 were higher and 343 lower.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

Closing Prices	
30 Industrial	606.75
20 Utilities	134.40
15 Stocks	82.03
60 Stocks	201.34
Comm. Future Price Index	133.78

Cotton	
Abilene Pwr. & Paper	39
Alcon Inc. Apy	48
Alcon Inc. Bpy	48
Alcon Inc. Cpy	48
Alcon Inc. Dpy	48
Alcon Inc. Epy	48
Alcon Inc. Fpy	48
Alcon Inc. Gpy	48
Alcon Inc. Hpy	48
Alcon Inc. Ipy	48

NEW YORK	
Closing prices all in cents per lb.	
Spot: 31.00; Oct: 31.10; Dec: 31.20	
31.20; 31.30; 31.40; 31.50; Dec: 31.60	
31.60; 31.70; 31.80; 31.90; Dec: 32.00	

NEW ORLEANS	
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31.20; 31.30; 31.40; 31.50; Dec: 31.60	
31.60; 31.70; 31.80; 31.90; Dec: 32.00	

Bank of Montreal	
Bank of Montreal	56½
Bank of Nova Scotia	56½
Beech Life Savers	56½
Bell Telephone	56½
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Italian shipowners plan expansion and modernisation

Rome. ITALIAN shipowners are facing the world freight crisis and the increasing competition from airlines with long-term plans of modernisation with total tonnage expansion. These plans have full Government backing.

The Italian merchant fleet, which in 1945 had fallen to just over 600,000 gross tons from 3,536,618 tons in 1939, reached a peak of 5,145,212 gross tons on March 31 this year, according to figures issued by the Merchant Navy Ministry.

Out of a total of 3,737 vessels in 1939, almost two-thirds were sailing vessels. Today less than a sixth of the 3,655 vessels under the Italian flag are completely or partly sail-powered.

The number of vessels today is practically what it was in 1939, while the total tonnage has increased by about 45 per cent. This shows how the Italian merchant fleet, besides increasing six-fold since the war, has developed the average capacity of her units without a same time reaching the tonnage maximum per ship established in the pre-war period.

The giants of Italy's merchant navy until 1945 were the 50,000-ton Rex and 48,000-ton Conte di Savoia. Today the "big two" are the Leonardo da Vinci, 68,000 tons, and the six-year-old Cristoforo Colombo, 29,000 tons.

Since 1959 the Italians have done their best to check any further expansion of the tonnage at their disposal.

In the first quarter of 1960, for example, the tonnage increased by 80,531 tons but the number of vessels decreased by 23.

LESS TONNAGE

It is interesting to note that while before 1959 the annual rate of increase of the Italian merchant tonnage was 8.5 per cent compared to a world total of 4.8 per cent, it had shrunk in 1959 to 4.5 per cent compared to a world total of 5.9 per cent.

"The perfect answer to present difficulties in the shipping world would be to 500 building," Signor Sandro Pini, press secretary to the Italian Merchant Navy Minister, Senator Angelo Raffaele Jervolino, said recently.

But he added, this is impossible as the shipyards must be kept working. Italian shipping policy at present is, therefore, to replace as many old vessels as possible with new ones, so that the quality rather than the quantity is improved.

The cornerstone of his policy is the Demolition Act of July 1959, under which the Government grants an allowance to shipowners who demolish vessels over 15 years old and build new ones for at least 75 per cent of the tonnage destroyed. The allowance is fixed at 25,000 lire (about 2½ sterling) per weight ton of the demolished vessels.

The Government set aside 10,000 million lire (about 2,000,000 sterling) for grants under this Act. By last May it had already approved plans for replacing 20 old vessels totalling 115,000 gross tons with six new ones totalling 104,000.

RIGHT DIRECTION

This is regarded as a step in the right direction. In 1958 no less than 24 per cent of the Italian merchant vessels were 25 years old. Italy had, in fact, a higher proportion of old vessels than any other country (Britain 7.3 per cent; the United States 1.5 per cent).

Two other measures to boost modernisation must be added to the Demolition Act of 1959. One is the Tambroni Act of June 1954 (named after the present Prime Minister, Signor Fernando Tambroni, who was then Minister for the Merchant Navy). It provided for subsidies for the construction of new ships.

The larger "twins" are expected to begin service on the Genoa-New York route in 1962. They will replace the 25,000-ton Giulio Cesare and the 27,000-ton Augustus. These will be switched to the South American routes, from where the 34,000-ton Conte Grande and Conte Biancamano will sail for the breaking-up yards.

The two new 24,000-ton liners are designed to join the Lloyd Triestino fleet to replace the routes to Australia—Oceania, Australia and New Guinea—which will leave for the Central American routes under the flag of Italy.

Finmare have a sweeping plan of reorganisation of their fleet. Signor Jervolino has recently announced that construction will shortly start on four new big liners, two of approximately 40,000 tons and two of 24,000.

Finmare's present plans provide for the construction of 12 new ships totalling 107,000 tons at a cost of 11,000 million lire (about 2,200,000,000).

Italy's present well equipped to build her own ships, as a leading shipbuilding nation—China, India, Japan.

and 47 foreign cargo vessels for 183,840 tons, 24 Italian and one foreign passenger ship for 124,950 tons and several minor vessels.

As the fund is now almost exhausted, steps are being taken to obtain a fresh allocation.

Another important measure towards aiding Italian shipowners is the Naval Credit Bill which is expected to come before Parliament towards the end of this summer. The bill is intended to fill a gap in the Government credit system, which already covers agriculture and industry, with the exception of shipbuilding.

CREDITS

The draft provides for long-term credits, to be repaid in 15 years at 7 per cent interest, half of it by the State, and short-term credits for repairs and maintenance work, repayable in one year at a 1.5 per cent interest.

One of the results of the introduction of naval credits should be the lowering of building costs in Italy, towards which the Government is already working, higher than in other countries, Signor Pini said.

As for the activity in the shipyards, he gave these figures. At the end of March this year, 290 vessels totalling 653,817 gross tons were being built.

Finmare, the State-subsidised "Shipping Financial Society," groups Italy's four main shipping lines—Italia (with services to the Americas), Lloyd Triestino (Africa, Asia and Australia), Adriatica (Eastern Mediterranean) and Tirrenia (Western Mediterranean and Northern Europe).

The four Finmare companies own 85 per cent of the total Italian liner fleet. They have 64 passenger and passenger and cargo vessels for 436,000 tons. In addition they own 42 cargo ships for 222,000 tons, but this represents only eight per cent of the Italian total.

One of the trump cards held by the Italian shipping line is the excellence and variety of their cuisine. Passengers are free to order every dish on the menu, "from A to Z."

The modern ocean liner has today become a floating art gallery with every luxury.

TV CIRCUITS

The Leonardo da Vinci, a turbine ship with a cruising speed of 23 knots and a capacity of 1,320 passengers, has the first distilling plant ever installed on an Italian ship, and conditions of the ship are air conditioning, stabilising and television facilities which allow passengers to follow events taking place in different parts of the ship at the same time.

Finmare have a sweeping plan of reorganisation of their fleet. Signor Jervolino has recently announced that construction will shortly start on four new big liners, two of approximately 40,000 tons and two of 24,000.

The larger "twins" are expected to begin service on the Genoa-New York route in 1962. They will replace the 25,000-ton Giulio Cesare and the 27,000-ton Augustus. These will be switched to the South American routes, from where the 34,000-ton Conte Grande and Conte Biancamano will sail for the breaking-up yards.

The two new 24,000-ton liners are designed to join the Lloyd Triestino fleet to replace the routes to Australia—Oceania, Australia and New Guinea—which will leave for the Central American routes under the flag of Italy.

Finmare's present plans provide for the construction of 12 new ships totalling 107,000 tons at a cost of 11,000 million lire (about 2,200,000,000).

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Ceylon won't nationalise tea, rubber

Colombo, July 26.
Finance Minister Felix Dias Bandaranaike declared today the government of Premier Sirimavo does not propose to nationalise tea and rubber plantations.

Bandaranaike, 29-year-old nephew of the woman premier, said the Freedom party's manifesto has recognised "nationalisation of certain undertakings is in the national interest," but explained this was limited to insurance and banking.

Moreover, Bandaranaike said the nationalisation they had in mind was not the classic conception of transfer of ownership to the state as adapted in nationalisation of the Suez canal or by Britain in coal and steel.

What was contemplated by Ceylon's nationalisation was a broad based public ownership in which the holding of the individual would be limited to a statutory maximum and unlimited capital would be allowed to enter the undertaking, he said.

As far as insurance was concerned, he said the reason for introducing limited nationalisation was to prevent the "evil" that most insurance companies in Ceylon were nothing but commission agents since the larger part of the premia was remitted to foreign reinsurers who carried the real risks.

CEYLONISATION

The finance minister said insurance legislation proposed by his government was designed to ensure reinsurance would either be rendered unnecessary or would take place in Ceylon itself.

A second consideration of this legislation, he said, was Ceylonisation of personnel employed at all levels and the elimination of "mushroom" companies.

The process contemplated would not involve any discrimination between foreign and local companies or expropriation of assets, he added.

The process of nationalisation for banking would be similar, the finance minister said.

Local banking today is virtually a monopoly of the Bank of Ceylon and British banks almost exclusively provide credit facilities for merchant and importers who are mostly of Indian origin.

LINK WITH BRITAIN

The government would give the Bank of Ceylon every incentive to compete successfully in offering credit facilities on more attractive terms to Ceylonese importers.

Legislation would be introduced to control bank rates interest and there would be a greater degree of control and

supervision of commercial banks.

Ceylon will continue its link with the British Crown for some time yet, Bandaranaike said.

The 29-year-old nephew of Premier, Mrs. Sirimavo, Bandaranaike said he will in effect run the foreign ministry because of her inexperience. He said the question of making Ceylon a republic was not urgent.—AP.

Police probe suicide case

Mexico City, July 26.
Police laboratories today examined the remains of a Hongkong businessman, his Japanese wife and their one-month-old daughter, found dead on Sunday in what appeared to be a family suicide pact.

The laboratory tests were made to confirm a police belief that a dark-coloured liquid found in the room was poison. The victims were Koo Soo Chay, president of a Hongkong trading firm, his wife Sachiko Kobayashi and their infant daughter.

Officials said the three would be buried here alongside each other unless claimed by relative.—UPI.

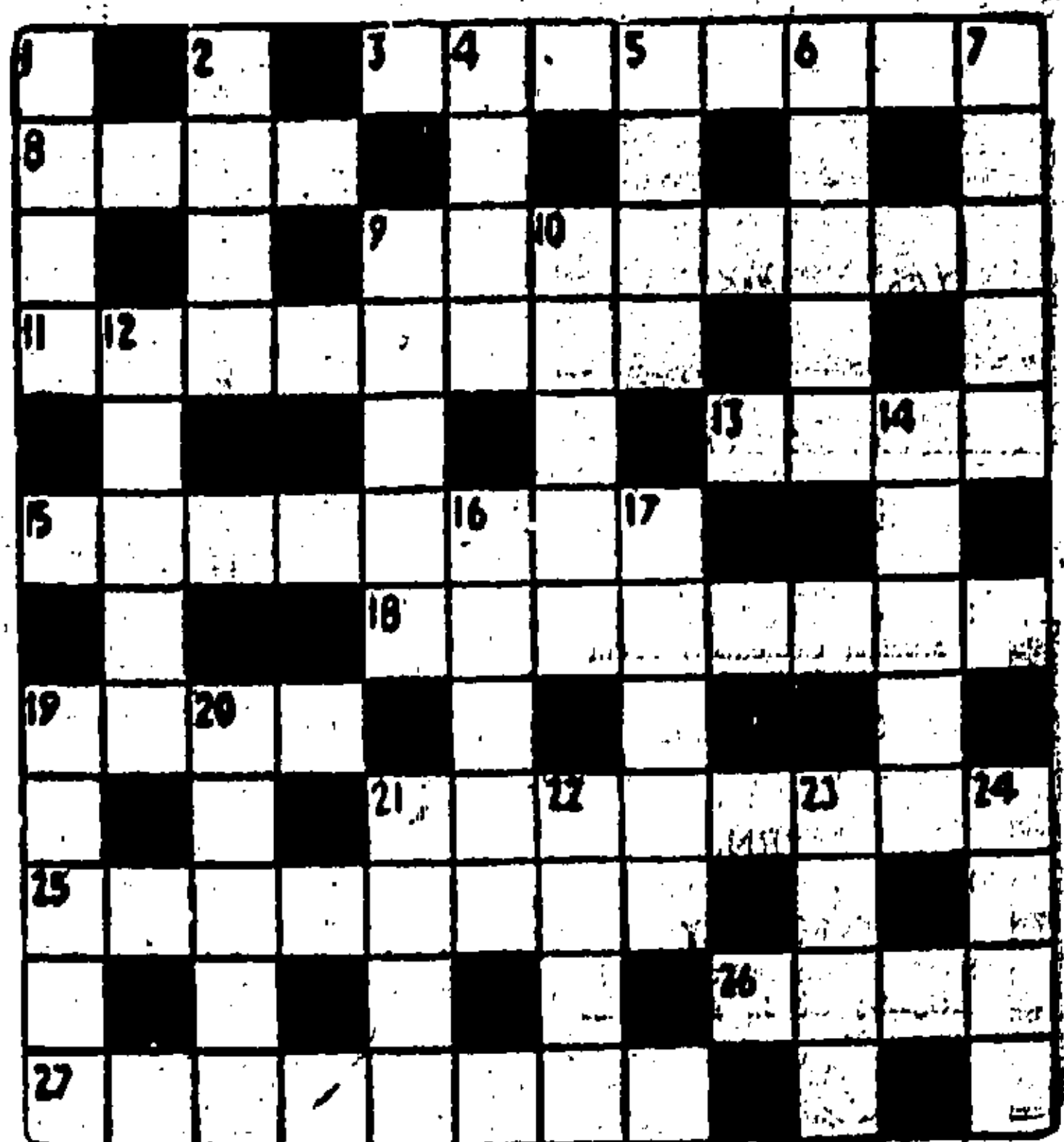
Malaya won't agree to merge

Singapore, July 26.
The Singapore Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, said in a radio broadcast last night that Singapore was ready to join the Federation but that the Malayan Government was not ready to agree.

Mr. Lee said he did not think a merger would take place between the two States in the foreseeable future.

He said that the reason why Malaya would not take in Singapore was because the more than one million Chinese in Singapore would upset the racial balance of the Federation electorate. There would then be more Chinese in Malaya than Malaysians.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Change slides for a feet? (8)
 - Mountain river? (4)
 - Outlet in the law, maybe. (8)
 - Let the horses go? (8)
 - So dull (4)
 - Successfully accomplished. (8)
 - Quality that's almost unique. (8)
 - Punish with a strap? (4)
 - Brings home the bacon perhaps. (8)
 - Does some electronic calculations? (8)
 - May be bitter to swallow. (4)
 - Youngster comfortable at home. (8)
- DOWN**
- African of fine physique. (4)
 - Part of a fishhook. (4)
 - Not a very nice measure. (4)
 - We all get it in the neck. (4)
 - Widespread girl. (5)
 - Ruff's partner. (6)
 - Resident's organ? (5)
 - And what? (8)
 - Iridescent lining. (5)
 - Not easily parted from his money. (5)
 - Teevee? (5)
 - Musculine name. (5)
 - May be saved in a close shave. (5)
 - Goat haltingly. (5)
 - Two-fold rivalry. (4)
 - Incline to fatness? No. (4)
 - Do some paper work. (4)
 - O.C. (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1. Litter, 4. Scrum, 7. Sabotage, 8. Waste, 9. Red-hot, 11. Baggage, 13. Tassel, 15. Stale, 19. Rampant, 20. Egan, 21. Tattler, Down: 2. Loser, 3. Bold, 5. Booster, 6. Kanakia, 8. Misère, 10. Dog-house, 12. Avarice, 15. Bunches, 14. Obsolete, 16. Stunt, 17. Lizard.

Situation in Bulawayo still serious

Salisbury, July 26.
Police and army patrols were being stoned by African rioters while they tried today to establish order in the African township of Bulawayo, the Salisbury Evening Standard reported.

The paper said that the situation in the township continued to be serious and that at least seven Africans had been killed since yesterday, one of them by police who opened fire on looters this morning.

Meanwhile Premier Sir Edgar Whitehead warned today that the government would take "whatever measures may be necessary to prevent intimidation of law-abiding people and to preserve law and order for the benefit of all."

ACTION EXPLAINED

Speaking in the Assembly Sir Edgar said the government had taken action against certain leaders of the National Democratic Party (NDP) because it had become clear that these leaders contemplated activities likely to prejudice the maintenance of good order.

Recent party statements, had shown the party was becoming more and more anti-European.

Sir Edgar said that information obtained last week indicated attempts would be made to stir up disaffection in other centres.

When information was received that some of the party leaders were going to Gwelo and Bulawayo to hold very large meetings it was decided that meetings in Bulawayo should be banned for a period of one month.—AFP.

Cool thief

Toronto, July 26.
A cool gunman told customers in a drug store today to "come back later, the boss is tied up."

In the back of the store, clerk Harry Muscup, 39, struggled face down on the floor, his wrists tied behind his back with adhesive tape, the thief ransacked the rear of the store and escaped with \$200.—UPI.

Shots fired

Caracas, July 26.
Shots were fired today when police and troops attempted to disperse 4,000 demonstrators outside Caracas Cathedral, where mass was being celebrated for "victims of Communism" in Cuba.

An official bulletin said three people were wounded.—Reuter.

Mrs Finch had a premonition of death: witness

Los Angeles, July 26.
A pretty Swedish housemaid testified today that Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch, prior to her slaying, expressed fear that her physician husband would kill her.

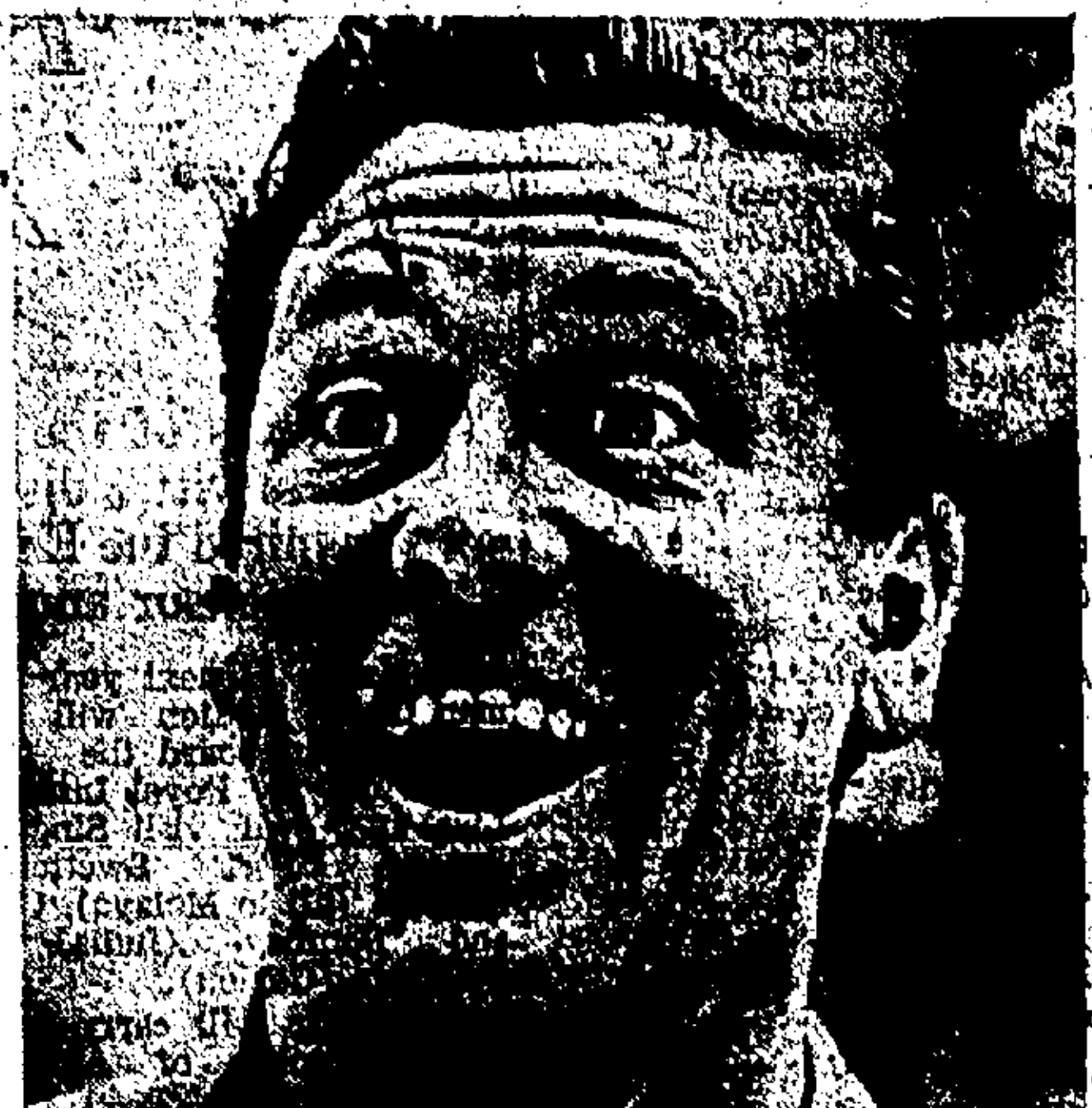
Mrs. Anne Lindholm repeated her story of how she found Mrs. Finch and the surgeon struggling in the darkened rooms of their home on the night of July 18, 1958.

She had told the same story at the first trial of Dr. R. Bernard Finch, 49, and his mistress, Carol Tropp, 27, the initial trial ended inconclusively.

Mrs. Lindholm, 19, again testified that she mailed a letter on May 23, 1959 to her mother in Sweden, and told her Mrs. Finch said her husband had threatened to kill her.

Another witness, schoolteacher Margaret Wright Helrich, 24, said Mrs. Finch had a premonition of death. In more detailed testimony than she gave at the first trial, Mrs. Helrich told her victim said she was afraid her husband was "going to use" a gun on her. The witness was present in Mrs. Finch's cottage.

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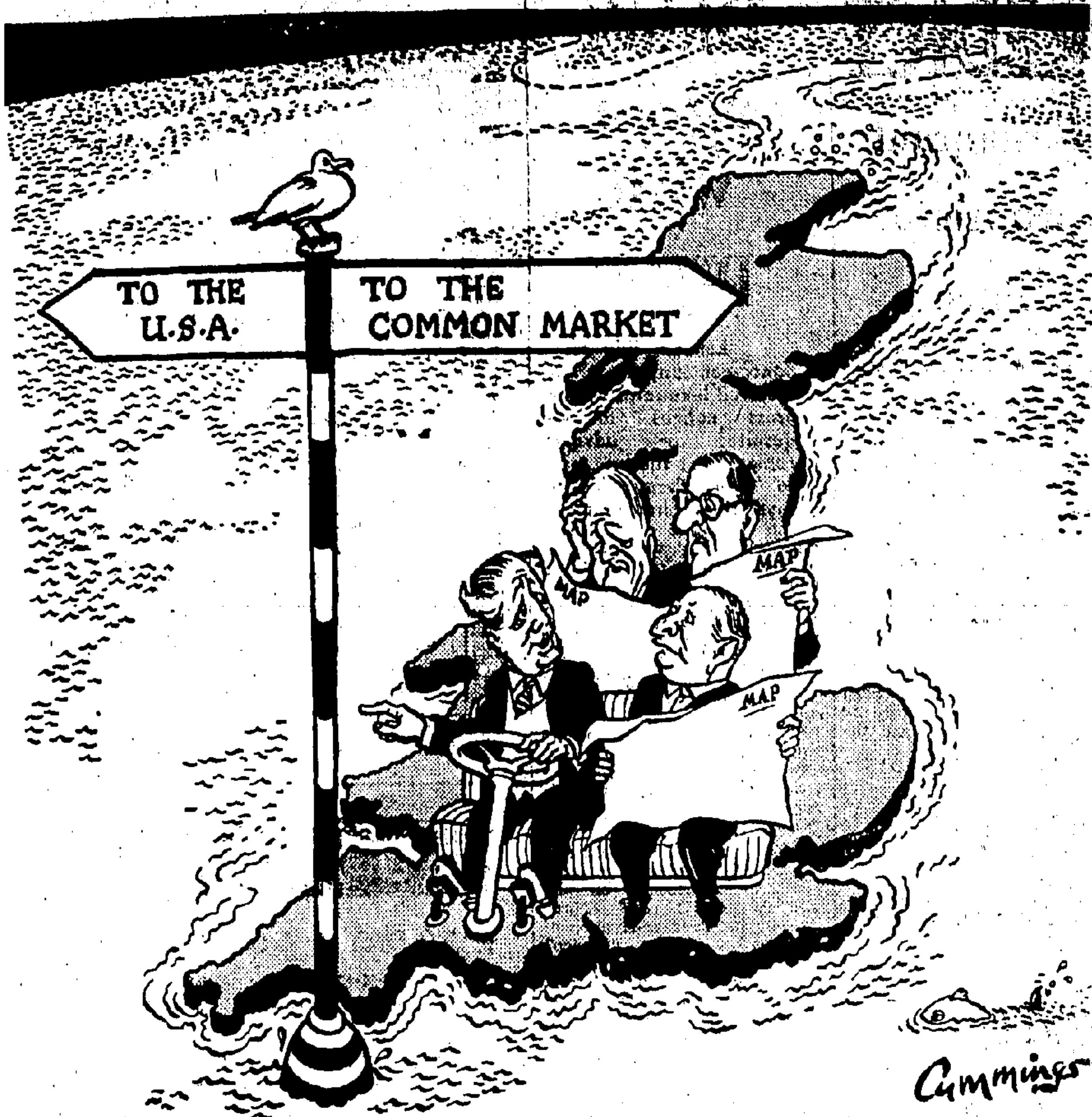
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"... on the other hand, if we became the 51st State of America we'd be able to vote for the President ... and I could ask a question in Congress about what happens in England."

London Express Service

RUSSIANS TRY TO CLEAR FOG BY SOUND

'They're backing a loser'

COULD winter fogs be cleared by sound waves? Russian scientists think it might be possible. They are pressing ahead with "encouraging" experiments to dissipate mist and fog by broadcasting low frequency signals.

The signals vibrate at such a pitch that they break up the droplets.

So far, the Russians say, they have dispersed a heavy mist in two minutes. But it was done inside apparatus called a cloud chamber, 1,750 cubic feet in size.

An expedition from the Academy of Sciences, Moscow, is now trying the technique out on mists shrouding Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in the Caucasus. British scientists believe they are backing a loser.

They point out that in a cloud chamber, the energy from the signals is confined. In the open, sound disperses rapidly. When US scientists tried during the war to clear fog from an airfield using the same method, they found they needed six powerful air-raid sirens to raise visibility from 100 to 200 yards.

As one said: "Better to grope round in the dark than go mad from the racket in your ears."

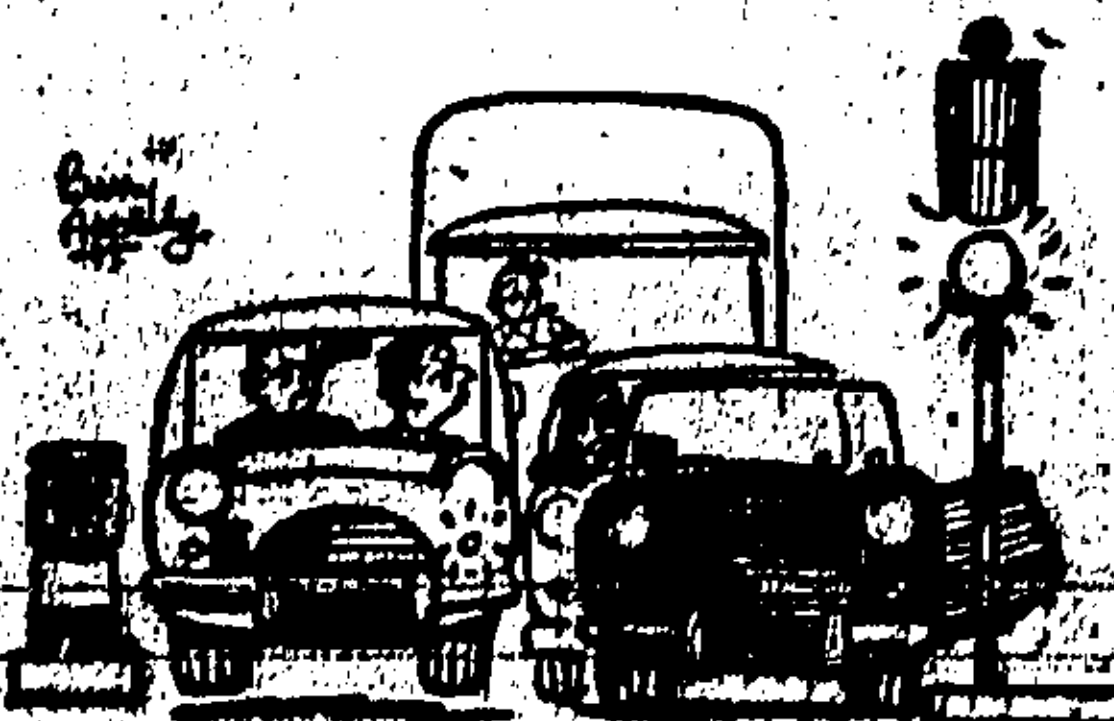
SPACESHIP FOOD

PUSH a button—and eat piping hot food from a tube in your spaceship.

This is the latest "home comfort" for astronauts, under study by the U.S. Air Force. It is testing a tiny oven which can heat beef and mashed potatoes to scalding temperatures in under an hour. The meal travels to the mouth via plastic squeeze-pipe. The theory is that a hot meal is always good for morale. Every soldier will agree.

MEET MR CLOGGHEAD*

*CLOG: ANYTHING THAT HINDERS MOTION OR RENDERS DIFFICULT.



Mr Clogghead always parks just where he wants to, even if it means blocking the way of other cars. Why should he worry about what happens in the flow of traffic when he's not even in it?

The World of Science

by Peter Fairley

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

It was Mental Health Week in Britain recently. To mark it, some remarkable furniture was put on view at Charing Cross Underground.

There were gaily-coloured chairs, steps and tubular steel ironing boards—as sold by thousands of shops. But it was made by men with the mental ability of nine-year-old children.

Kremlin declares war on 'enemies within'

THE Kremlin has declared war on three sets of "enemies" within the international Communist movement.

Among them are "Left-wing secretaries," a term which describes a powerful section of the leadership in Communist China.

The dramatic challenge is contained in a document published after a session of the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party—the highest ruling body. The other enemies inside the Communist camp are described as "revisionists" (meaning

By STEPHEN CONSTANT

Communists like Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito and "dogmatists" (meaning Communists like the fallen Russian leaders Malenkov and Molotov). The document reveals clearly for the first time the deep ideological splits which have recently divided international Reds.

SIGNIFICANT

Most significant is the policy rift between Russia and China. At last month's Communist "summit" meeting in Bucharest it seemed as if the two sides had achieved a compromise.

Now it is clear that the row is still blazing. The basic issue splitting the two is China's belief that war with the West is inevitable and that therefore Khrushchev's policies of "peaceful co-existence" and disarmament are a dangerous waste of time.

Russia believes that war with the West is not inevitable and that the West can be undermined and beaten by Mr K's own "hot-and-cold" brand of "peaceful co-existence."

The new Moscow broadside says: "Left-wing secretaries are a hindrance to the mobilisation of all the forces of the Socialist camp in the struggle for peace and Socialism and against imperialism."

Most significant of all, it contains a strong appeal for unity among Communists, asking them to wage "an unceasing struggle for the strengthening of the unity and solidarity inside the Socialist camp and between the international Communist forces."

(London Express Service)

The furniture was the first to roll off a new "production line" at the Levesden Hospital, Watford, in a £15,000 workshop where mental defectives are being trained for the first time to do normal factory work.

They earn up to £7 a week, turning raw materials into finished articles ranging from the furniture to paper hats for cracker, motor accessories and bedlamps. They "clock" on and off, and break for tea and meals when a hooter sounds. So successful is the experiment proving that many are now being fitted into outside jobs.

SOCK 'MENACE'

STRETCHED-NYLON socks are under fire from the Society of British Chiropodists. They constantly restrict movement and do not allow toes to develop properly, says the society in its journal. It considers them "one of the greatest menaces to foot health."

It is urging sock-makers to produce children's socks in "lefts" and "rights." "At this age," say the foot experts, "socks are as important as shoes." Best of all, children should be encouraged to go about barefoot as much as possible.

So our poor ancestors were right after all.

(London Express Service)

HUGH CASWALL TREMENHERRE DOWDING—what does that name mean to you? Does it rank in your mind with the names of Nelson, Wellington and Marlborough? Is Dowding, like the others, a hero to your children?

Probably not—which is a strange thing when it is considered that only 20 years ago Dowding saved not only Britain, but the world.

Twenty years ago on July 16, 1940, Hitler signed his historic Operational Directive No. 16.

AUSTERE

This order began by proclaiming the decision to invade England. It stated that in order that this objective could be achieved:

"THE ENGLISH AIR FORCE MUST BE ELIMINATED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT WILL BE INCAPABLE OF PUTTING UP ANY SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION TO THE INVADING TROOPS."

Standing between Hitler and the fulfilment of this directive was the austere, withdrawn and dedicated figure of Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, Commander-in-Chief of Fighter Command, Royal Air Force.

The importance of Dowding's personal role in preparing for the Battle of Britain and carrying it through to a successful conclusion cannot be overstated. I am convinced that this personal contribution to victory was just as great as that of Nelson at Trafalgar or of Wellington at Waterloo.

NO MIXER

Yet Dowding was not a familiar figure to the pilots he commanded. He was seldom seen in the squadrons. He did not mix easily or comfortably with his juniors.

There was, in fact, an extraordinary contrast between Dowding and the pilots of Fighter Command.

In the squadrons, we cultivated a deliberately raffish and lighthearted approach to life.

We affected to despise the external manifestations of service discipline, dressing pretty well as we chose and certainly not at all in accordance with King's Regula-

tions, flouting and disregarding wherever and whenever we could the more pompous conventions of service life.

We believed in having plenty of parties, the more the merrier and the wilder the better.

We considered that the only thing which really mattered about a man was whether he could fly properly, and we generally thought little of those who were not, or had not been, pre-eminent as pilots.

"Stuffy" Dowding did not seem to fit into this pattern at all. It was impossible to imagine him dressed otherwise than in the strictest accordance with service regulations.

He was withdrawn and aloof to the point of appearing unfriendly. Parties—most of all wild parties—were not at all in his line. He was distinguished rather as a staff officer than as a pilot.

TRUSTED

And yet between these two extremes there was established a close bond of mutual respect and admiration.

To "Stuffy" Dowding the squadrons were all that mattered and nothing was too good for his pilots. To get them what they needed he would, and did, go to any lengths, fight any opposition, gladly risk the displeasure of the highest and most powerful in the land.

To us, our little known and seldom seen commander presented an austere but utterly trusted father-figure. "Stuffy" was not a world of contempt, but rather of affection.

Sir Hugh Dowding's appointment in 1930 to the post of Member of the Air Council for Research and Development was a turning point in a Service career which had been beset with many difficulties.

Not least of these had been a long-standing breach with Lord Trenchard, whose power in the formative years of the RAF had been absolute.

His personal contribution to victory was just as great as that of Nelson or Wellington—but ask yourself this question...

Is this man a hero to your children?

SCRAMBLE!

The story of the greatest battle of the War

Part 2

By HUGH DUNDAS, D.S.O., D.F.C.

to the day before the Battle of Britain was to begin.

From that moment Dowding—already 54 years old—never relaxed from his persistent efforts to prepare his Command for the battle to come.

In 1936 he had 11 squadrons. At the time of Munich he had 28, five of them equipped with Hurricanes. At the outbreak of war he had 39 squadrons, of which 28 were equipped with Hurricanes and Spitfires.

There then began perhaps the toughest and most important struggle of Dowding's career.

There was a constant draining away of his strength by the posting of fighter squadrons to France. Six were there already when the blitzkrieg broke in May 1940. The equivalent of 10 more were sent from England, either as complete units or in drafts and drafts, during the next 10 days.

At the height of the battle over the Continent, 10 more complete squadrons were called for.

THE DEBT

Dowding, who had been plastering the Air Council with letters and memoranda urging the absolute necessity of maintaining a strong fighter force at home, now revolted. It was the crowning moment of his life. He confronted the War Cabinet personally.

With fervour and passion he expounded the folly of abandoning the home defence squadrons any further. Happily for the future of this realm his arguments were accepted.

One hundred and ninety-five Hurricanes were lost over France, to no purpose. More than 100 Hurricanes and Spitfires and some 80 pilots were lost over Dunkirk.

Thus, in the course of one month of blitzkrieg, the fighter force available for the defence of Britain had lost about 20 per cent of its more experienced pilots and nearly 80 per cent of its original aircraft strength.

If it had not been for the utter determination of Dowding the depletion of strength would have been much greater. The squadrons could not possibly have been built up again to the extent where they could face the assault of the Luftwaffe in July. Hitler's order would have been successfully carried through. Britain would have been invaded.

That is the extent of the debt owed by Britain to Hugh Caswall Tremenherre Dowding.

TOP SPEED

At about the time when this specification went out to be brilliantly implemented by two designers of genius—Camm, of Hawkers, and Mitchell, of Supermarine—Robert Watson, a Scottish scientist reported to the Air Ministry that he had invented a device for locating distant aircraft by the transmission of short-wave radio impulses.

The sum of £10,000 was needed for further experiments. Dowding immediately grasped the vast significance of Watson's claims, but casually insisted on realistic field trials before asking for the money.

These trials were carried out on February 26, 1935. They clearly and dramatically justified the inventor's claims.

Dowding got his money and pushed forward at top speed with the construction of the world's first radar chain.

Having thus cleared the way for the re-equipment of fighter squadrons with modern planes, having taken the first bold step to provide a system for the detection of raiding bombers, Dowding was transferred to lead the newly created Fighter Command.

SATURDAY:

Goering's mistake

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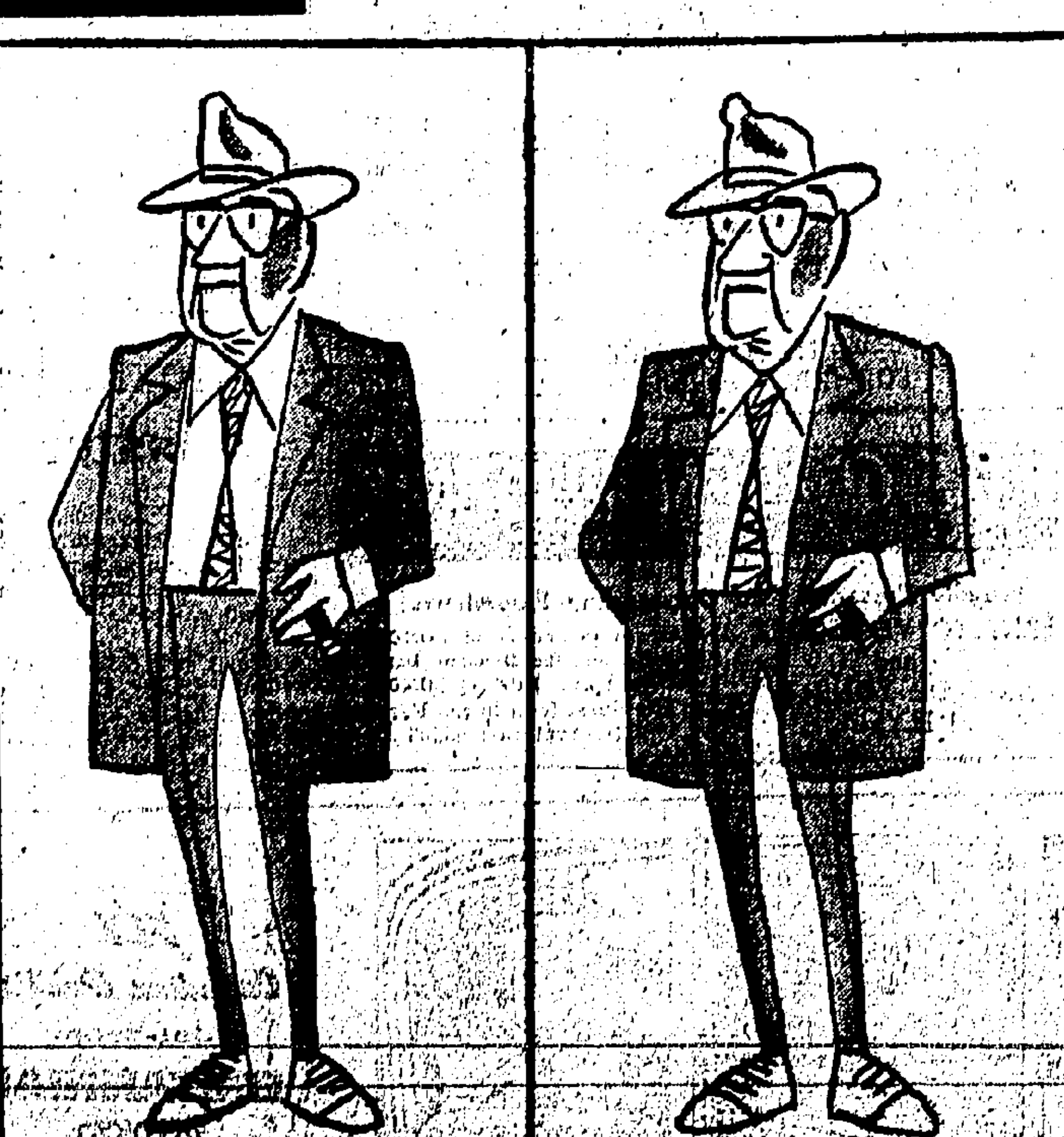
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well, if there's really anything in all this talk of finding the new American way of Communism, by the Communist Party, I think I should go and look at it."

(London Express Service)

DISCOVERING AMERICA—2



THE AMERICAN TYCOON

What the American tycoon does is what he really believes. What he really believes is what he really does.

Fashion News Focus by Barbara Griggs

Lancs take County Cricket lead

YORKSHIRE PUSHED OUT AFTER 57-RUN DEFEAT BY ESSEX

London, July 26. Yorkshire, after holding their lead since June 21, have finally been pushed from the top of the County Cricket Championship table. The architects of their downfall were Essex, who beat the reigning champions by 57 runs at Leeds today.

Their successors at the head of the table are Lancashire, who beat Surrey by only two wickets after a dull day's cricket at the Oval.

With their victory giving them an average of 7.61, to Yorkshire's 7.36, Lancashire made heavy weather of the task of scoring 141 for victory—and they might well have regarded the absence of Surrey pace bowler Peter Loader as a reprieve after having scraped home so narrowly. Loader was out of action with bruised ribs, sustained while batting yesterday.

The man to blame

Bob Barber, the Lancashire captain, was the man to blame for the crawling finish. It took him 4½ hours to score an unbeaten 67, and every other batsman, followed by his extremely cautious captain.

Yorkshire fought bravely to meet the challenge of 295 runs in 320 minutes set them by Essex, but in spite of attacking innings by P. J. Sharpe (66) and Vic Wilson (59), they were dismissed for 237.

It was former England all-rounder Trevor Bailey who again wrought havoc, taking five for 61 to give him match figures of 12 for 101.

Earlier, Bailey (46) and Roy Ralph (42) made valuable contributions to the formidable Essex lead.

Middlesex gained an expected victory over Kent at Blackheath, winning by 110 runs and taking all 14 points for an average of 6.58 to retain third position.

In spite of a draw at Bristol, Sussex stayed in fourth place with four points against Gloucestershire.

Sussex were actually balked of victory by a last-wicket stand between a disabled Tom Graveney and John Mortimore.

Mortimore scored 98 in 4½ hours, including a six and 14 fours. Graveney only managed to lift the bat a few inches because of a damaged shoulder and defied the bowling for 50 minutes in scoring four runs.

Results

Results of today's cricket matches were:

At the Oval: Lancashire beat Surrey by two wickets. Surrey 157 and 131. Lancashire 148 and 141 for eight (R. Barber 67 not out). Lancashire 12 points. Surrey four points.

At Ilkeshon: Derbyshire beat Nottinghamshire by 116 runs. Derbyshire 105 and 245. Nottinghamshire 90 and 144 (C. Poole 64, H. Jackson seven for 45). Derbyshire 14 points.

At Blackheath: Middlesex beat Kent by 110 runs. Middlesex 238 and 189 for seven (A. Dixon 43). Kent 103 and 214. Middlesex 14 points.

At Bourne: Match drawn. Hampshire 313 for nine declared and 155 for seven declared (J. Gray 44). Somerset 308 and 46 for two. Hampshire four points.

At Bristol: Match drawn. Gloucestershire 203 and 247 (J. Mortimore 68). Sussex 353. Sussex four points.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Glamorgan by three wickets. Glamorgan 171 and 242. Northamptonshire 214 and 203 for seven. Northamptonshire 12 points.

At Leeds: Essex beat Yorkshire by 57 runs. Essex 180 and 200. Yorkshire 88 and 237. Essex 12 points.—Reuters.

No Channel swim marathon this year

Dover, July 26. Dover Municipal Council today decided not to organise the Channel Swimming Marathon.

The mayor, Mrs. Dorothy Russell, refused to comment on the Council's decision.

Mr. Russell, who usually organises the annual event, had offered to postpone the race if the Council agreed to organise it.

Some swimmers, however, had already arrived in Dover to compete in the Channel-crossing swimming race.—AP.



CRUISER CHALLENGER—Currently, 20-year-old Johnny Ould is spending his time hauling and heaving wine in the bottling department of a London warehouse. But next month he'll be enjoying himself more trading punches in the Palazzo dello Sport in Rome as Britain's Olympic cruiserweight challenger. 31 victories in 34 senior bouts have made Johnny British champion for two successive years.—London Express photo.

Tennis League finals

The Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association has announced the following dates for the finals between the section winners of the Colony Men's B, C and D Division Leagues:

Monday, August 8
Men's "B": SCAA "1" vs CRC "2."
Wednesday, August 10
Men's "C": CRC "1" vs CCC "2."
Friday, August 12
Men's "D": CRC "1" vs KTGCA.

All the finals will be played at the Hongkong Cricket Club and will start at 5.30 p.m.

FIRST-CLASS CRICKET LOSING GROUND

Public support falling away
By ARCHIE QUICK

"There would not have been many more people here if it had not been raining," remarked Denis Compton as we gazed out on the empty Lord's cricket ground on the rained-off first day of the Gentlemen versus Players match.

Compton only voiced what we were all thinking, for there is no doubt that this season's bickerings and ill-starred incidents during the current South African tour have finally knocked the edge off the public's appetite for the game at the highest level.

Although the counties generally report that membership has remained stable, the bottom has fallen out of the attendances at matches, and the counties, as well as the tourists, face a big drop in anticipated receipts.

The Tests have not been well supported, and one sensed that even if the weather had been kind there would have been a meagre assembly at Lord's to watch this outdated fixture between amateurs and professionals. There were certainly no queues waiting for admittance while the rain poured down.

The reasons

Everybody is concerned about falling attendances. Surrey Club have announced that they are £1,000 down on takings so far this season at the Oval, while Middlesex are as much as £2,500 behind last summer's income at the "gates." The Surrey Secretary has also said that only £10,000 have been taken for the five days of the Final Test against South Africa at the Oval compared with a usual £18,000 at this time of July for previous matches.

Rain has been prevalent, but it is not the factor which is causing a falling away of public support. Slow play and the players' seeming inability to step up the pace, plus Test Match squabbles and television are the real reasons for the decline, and while we waited for the Gentlemen versus Players match to start, and talked of the vital Imperial

Overhaul

Compton told me that there is to be a big overhaul of Lord's fixtures the season after next. At present there is a big gap in midsummer when Middlesex are away on tour and only minor representative games are played—Eton v Harrow, Inter-Services games, Oratory versus Beaumont, and other school games.

"The ground is generally empty when the sun shines and closed through rain when the bigger matches are scheduled," he told me. "The idea is to spread out the more attractive fixtures—Middlesex's particularly—and rearrange the traditional schools dates."

Successful Olympics for Australians predicted

Sydney, July 26. Australia's 1960 Olympic team would be one of the most successful ever entered by this country, the team's general manager, Mr. Sid Grange predicted today.

He said it would again dominate swimming events, despite excellent times being recorded overseas.

Mr. Grange told a Rotary Meeting gathering he had been "very upset" by criticism of the selection, training and preparation of the 1960 team.

Eighteen members of the 1960 track and field teams would have won gold medals at the 1948 Games if they had recorded their present performances then.

"More than 5,000 athletes will be competing for only 140 gold medals this year," Mr. Grange said.

"Any athlete who gets through to the finals at the Games will have achieved something worthwhile," he said.—China Mail Special.

Anti-dope security measures redoubled at Goodwood

Goodwood, July 26. The four-day Goodwood Race Meeting opened here today with a redoubled security watch on the horses to prevent any doping attempts.

Recent reports of doping, and news that two of the Duke of Norfolk's horses were having dope checks, had made trainers doubly cautious during the first day of this Royal Meeting.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh attended today as guests of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, who owns the land.

Many trainers had sent additional guards to supplement the usual force of official security police.

Officers with experience of the doping racket were among

Ban on Griffin to be continued

Manchester, July 26. Geoff Griffin, the young South African fast bowler, will definitely not bowl again during the current Springbok tour, with or without an appearance on his arm.

British cyclists enter for world championships

London, July 26. Brian Robinson and Tommy Simpson, the only two members of the British team to complete the Tour de France cycling race, have been included in the British team which will compete in the Professional Road Race of the World Cycling Championships on August 14, in East Germany, it was learned here today.

Other members of the team will be John Andrews, Jack Kennedy, Harry Reynolds and Jimmy Rae.

Norman Stott, twice amateur pursuit world champion, has been entered for the professional 5,000 metres pursuit World Championships at Leipzig.—AP.

Pool fortune for labourer

London, July 26. Mr. Arthur Campbell, a 34-year-old labourer from Grenada, British West Indies, heard today that he had won £35,031 Sterling in a British pool on Australian soccer.

Mr. Campbell, who invested two shillings sixpence Sterling in the pool, said he would invest his winnings in property in Grenada, where two of his children, Roselyn (6), and Keith (5), live with his parents. He left the island before Keith was born and has never seen him.

The win was Mr. Campbell's eighth this season, although only his first big one.

"This win means everything to me and my family," he said.—China Mail Special.

Stirling Moss breaks lap record at Brands Hatch circuit

London, July 26. British ace driver Stirling Moss who only left hospital last Saturday today beat the Brands Hatch circuit record when he clocked one minute 48 seconds flat over the lap.

Moss, who broke the record in a Cooper 1958 with a television camera set behind him and while making comments in a microphone.

However, Moss did not hold the title for long. Tony Brooks, the former record holder, testing

a new Formula One Cooper got his record back when he clocked 1 minute 42.4 seconds (94.00 mph) over the lap.

Moss will not compete in the Brands Hatch race next Monday. His first race since his bad accident during practice for the Belgian Grand Prix over a month ago, will be in Sweden.

He will then drive the Lotus sports model in which he set a new record at Silverstone yesterday.

Later he will possibly take part in the Portugal Grand Prix.

Moss said today that his knees were still a little swollen and appeared to have some water on them.

"I shall not drive again until I am in perfect condition," he added. Later Moss snatched the record again from Brooks when he clocked one minute 41.3 seconds over the Brands Hatch lap.

He was then driving a Formula One Lotus which he had just borrowed.—AP.

FOURTH TEST ENDS IN TAME DRAW

Springboks given impossible task of scoring 185 in 107 minutes

Manchester, July 26. The rain-spoiled fourth cricket Test between England and South Africa ended in a draw at Old Trafford here today.

England, assured of victory in the five-match series after winning the first three games, declared at mid-afternoon to set South Africa the almost impossible task of making 185 runs in 107 minutes for victory.

The South African batsmen were given no chance to force the pace and the match fizzled out tamely.

Final scores were: England 260 and 153 for seven declared; South Africa 229 and 46 for no wicket.

Threatened

After rain had washed out play on Thursday and Friday a draw—always seemed the probable result but at one stage this morning South Africa threatened to snatch a win when they gained a quick breakthrough in England's second innings. England lost six wickets for 101, but Ken Barrington and David Allen thwarted the tourists with a 80-minute stand which added 33 runs.

Barrington, handicapped by a pulled leg muscle, had to have the aid of a runner. But he batted most courageously and never let hittable balls go unpunished. His 35, made in two hours 20 minutes, included five fours. He eventually fell to a catch at the wicket by John Walter, who claimed his

Johnson: 9,000 points possible in decathlon

Los Angeles, July 26. Rafer Johnson, the world decathlon record holder with 8,683 points said last night it was within human possibilities to score over 9,000 points in the decathlon event.

The young American champion was speaking at a luncheon offered by American sports writers.

"In the Rome Olympic Games, the winner will certainly break the world record," Johnson added.

He also said that his most dangerous opponent was Formosa's Yang Chang-kuang who lives actually in the United States and who will represent his country in the Olympic Games.—AP.

Hydroplane to take Olympic flame into Italy

Rome, July 26. The Olympic flame will be borne over the Straits of Messina between Sicily and the mainland on its way from Greece to Rome on a fast hydroplane, it was announced here today.

The flame, which will be carried from Greece to Sicily on the Italian three-masted naval training ship, the Vesuvius, will cross the straits in one hour on August 19, five days before the Games open.

The symbol of the Games will travel to the eternal city from Region Calabria on the mainland in the hands of scores of specially trained runners.—Reuters.

Baseball results

New York, July 26. Results of today's baseball matches included:

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 4 2 0
Chicago 3 0 0

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City 2 7 0
Baltimore 1 0 0

—AP.

Subba Row out for the season

Manchester, July 26. Raman Subba Row, the Northamptonshire captain, who fractured a bone at the base of his right thumb while playing for England in the fourth Test against South Africa at Old Trafford here yesterday, would be unable to play cricket this season.—China Mail Special.

98th victim in Test cricket. Allen, though scoring only 15, got out, made a valuable contribution in staying 80 minutes as time was more important to England than runs at that stage.

After Barrington's dismissal Freddie Trueman gave a bright display in hitting 14 not out, including 12 in an over from Jim Potteary. However, the three South African bowlers used in the innings generally gave little away on a pitch which offered them no help.

Little incentive

England's declaration gave South Africa little incentive to make a bold bid for victory, and their openers did not attempt it. They scored 24 in 50 minutes before tea, and when the match ended their unbeaten stand of 46 was, curiously, their highest of the series.

England's fast bowler Brian Statham bowled only four overs and then retired because of a toothache.

Despite the loss of two days' play, attendance figures were approximately 88,000 and receipts at the gate £24,200.—Reuters.

TEST SCORES FIFTH DAY

FIRST INNINGS	
England	260
South Africa	229
SECOND INNINGS	
Potter, c and b Potteary	9
Cowdrey, b Adcock	25
Dexter, c McLean, b Potteary	22
Illingworth, c McLean, b Adcock	5
Badgett, c Walter, b Adcock	2
Parker, c and b Goddard	20
Barrington, c Walter, b Goddard	35
Allen, not out	14
Trueman, not out	14
Extras	7
Total (for 7 wickets dec)	153

Bowling		analysis		
		O	M	R
Adcock	.....	21	8	58
Pothecary	.....	32	10	61
Goddard	.....	31	10	56
South Africa				
McGlew, not out	.....	26		
Goddard, not out	.....	16		
Extras	.....	4		
Total (for no wkt)		46		

Bowling analysis		O	M	R.
Trueman	.....	6	1	10
Statham	.....	4	2	9
Allen	.....	7	4	5
Illingworth	.....	5	3	6
Pullar	.....	1	0	6
Padgett	.....	2	0	8
Cowdrey	.....	1	0	4

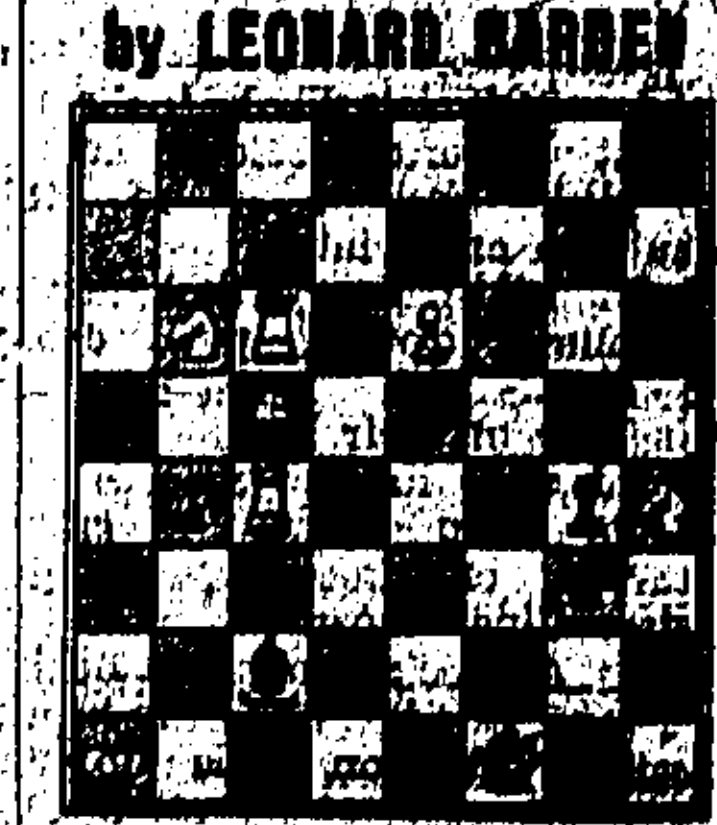
—Reuter.

Beirut soccer XI win in China

Tokyo, July 27. The Beirut football team of Beirut today defeated the Hanoi Youth team 2-0 in a game held at Tienjin, Northern China, Peking Radio reported.

The Beirut team was 1-0 in favour of the visitors.—AP.

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THE GAMBOLS by Barry Appleby



SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: The finals of the Yo-Yo contest, sponsored by the Hongkong Bottlers Inc. were held on Sunday at the Princess Theatre. Twentyseven boys took part.

A group photo after the contest shows: (from left) Mr C. Carano (Judge), Americo Diogo (third), Choi Bor-yea (second), Anthony Tebbutt (winner of the contest), Mr P. W. Fairbanks (Assistant General Manager of HK Bottlers Inc) and Mr Philip Murray (Judge).

The winner's prize was a scholarship grant of \$7,500. Grants of \$5,000 and \$2,500 went to the contestants who finished second and third.



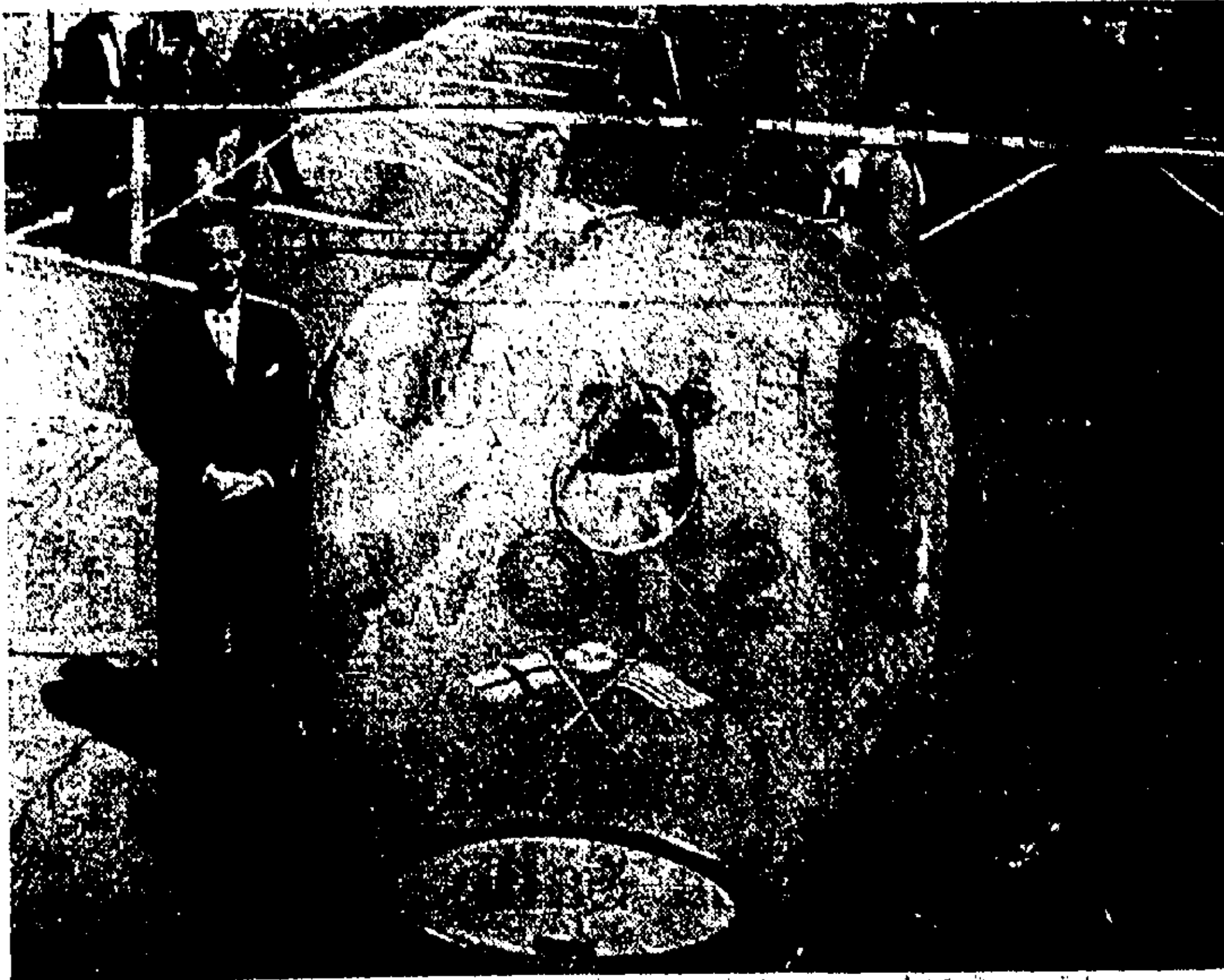
ABOVE: Trevor Goddard, South Africa's vice-skipper hits out during the match against Middlesex at Lord's last week. Goddard played the major role in the South Africans' first innings massive total of 397 for six declared by scoring 142. The match was abandoned.

LEFT: Twenty-three-year-old Susan Cohen is 1960 European women's show-jumping champion, but she won't be riding at Rome in next month's Olympics. And the reason, according to a selection committee spokesman, is that her horse Clare Castle is not considered up to jumping the Olympic course, which includes fences up to 5 ft 3 ins high.

Photo shows Susan and her horse Clare Castle.—London Express photo.

BELOW: Dapper 27-year-old Brian Hewson, in private life a tailor is in public life the holder of British records at every distance between 500 yards and 1,500 metres—except that for 800 metres, which is paradoxically his best distance.

This year he will run in the 800 metres at the Rome Olympics in a final appearance. At the end of the season he retires to concentrate on his promising career with a large London tailoring firm, one of whose products he is demonstrating here.—London Express photo.



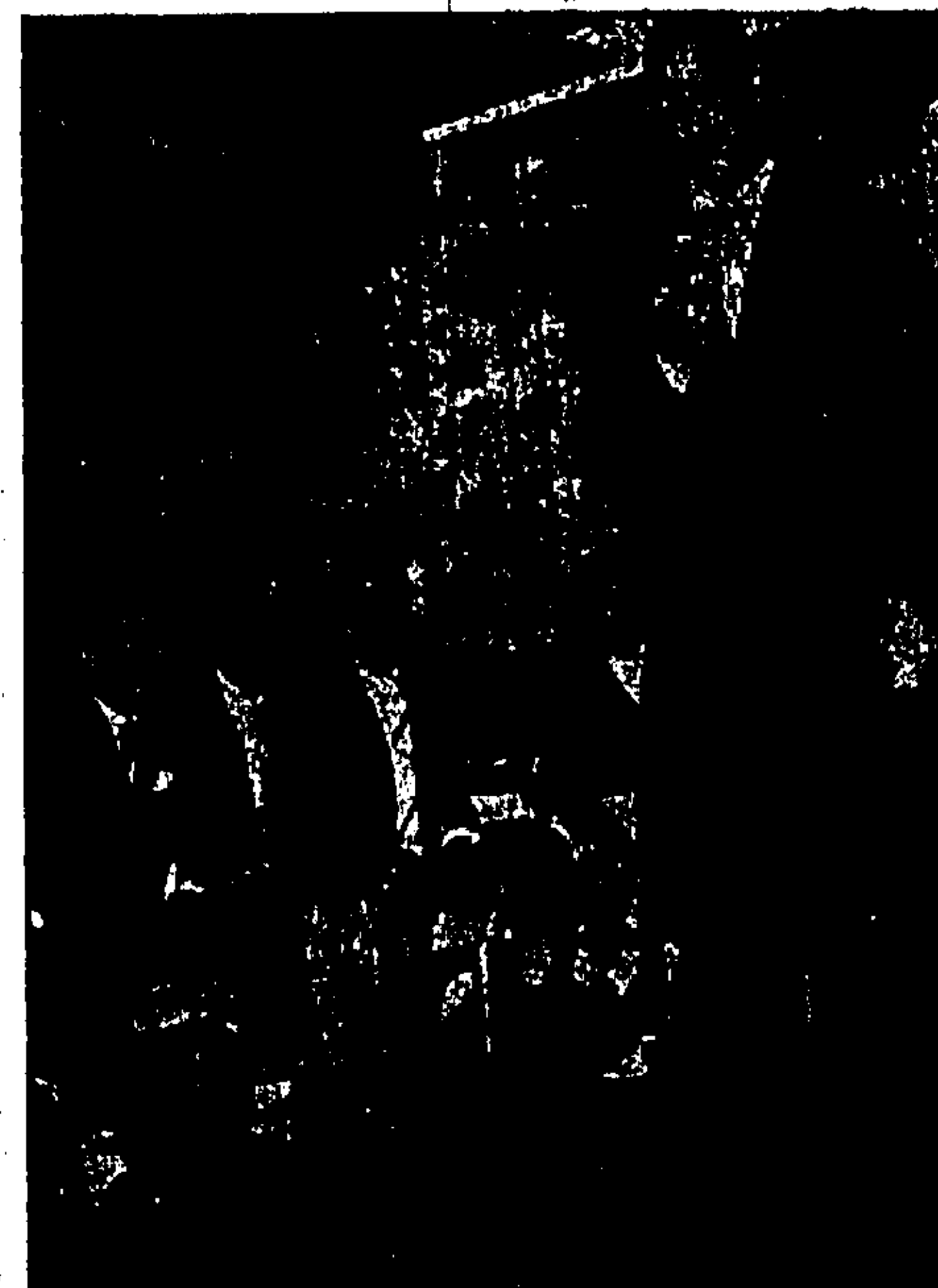
ABOVE: Donald Campbell, British holder of the world water speed record, last week made a successful test run in his new £1,000,000 Bluebird, with which he hopes to set up a new world land speed record.

Bluebird will be shipped to the U.S. next month and Mr Campbell hopes to make his attempt at Utah Salt Flats after the middle of September.—London Express photo.

LEFT: Here's John Charles singing goodbye to British soccer. Manchester United had high hopes that Welsh international Charles would join them when his contract with Juventus of Turin ended next month.

But now Big John is lined up for a more lucrative job outside football.

Recently he signed a contract to appear at all top night clubs in Italy. And it all started with John amusing his Juventus team-mates by singing Welsh mining songs.



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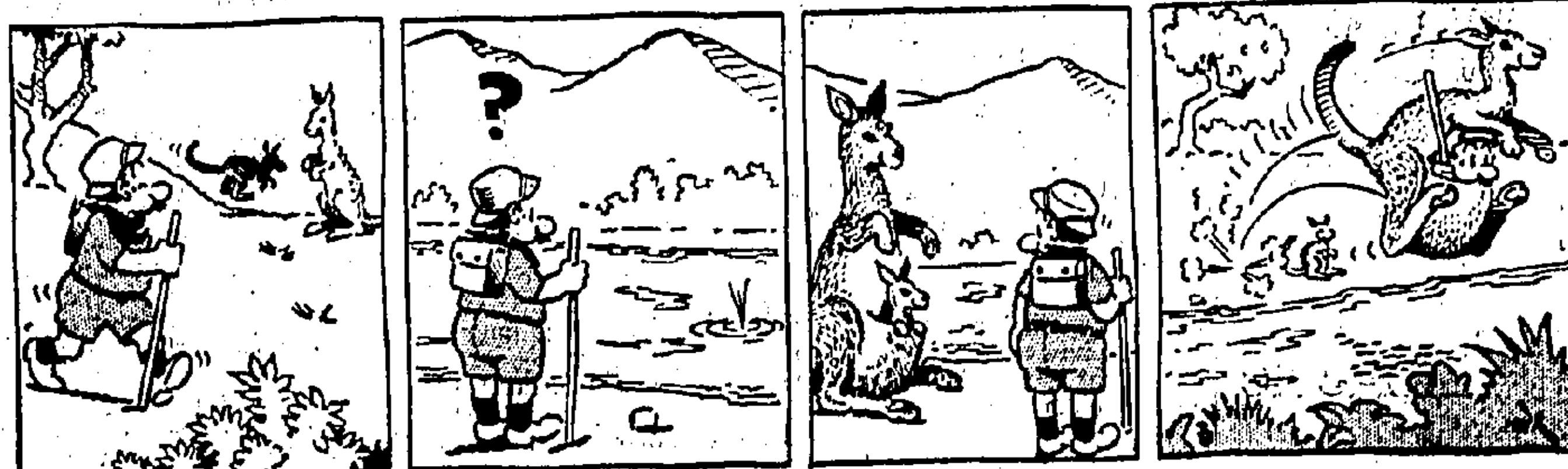
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BROKER CHARGED WITH \$400,000 GEM THEFTS

Two diamonds shown in court

Witness says accused never paid for them

Question on equal pay for women

London, July 26. Mrs Barbara Castle (Labour) asked in the House of Commons today what the Hongkong Government was doing to introduce equal pay for women in the government service.

Mr Iain Macleod, the Colonial Secretary, replied: "Equal pay was introduced last year for certain women medical officers. It is not proposed to go further than this at present."—Reuter.

U.S. cancer specialist leaves HK

Dr Sidney M. Silverstone, a leading anti-cancer specialist in America, left here last night by Pan American for Tokyo on the last lap of a world tour with his wife and two sons.

Dr Silverstone, who is the brother of Mr Murray Silverstone, president of 20th Century Fox International, was one of the first medical practitioners in the world to use the Cobalt Bomb for the treatment of cancer.

The research specialist gives free treatment for cancer victims at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Dr Silverstone was seen off at the airport last night by Mr Leo Banuch, Hongkong Manager for 20th Century Fox.

Two large diamonds weighing 18.59 carats and worth more than \$30,000 were produced in Court this morning during the trial of a 48-year-old broker, Yuen Chung-kwong charged with thefts of more than \$400,000 worth of diamonds.

The two diamonds were identified by the proprietor of the Lee Heng Diamond Company, Ltd., Mr Ma Hing-chau, when he gave testimony in the Victoria District Court.

Mr Ma said Yuen visited him in his shop on February 12, 1959, and asked for the diamonds to show some Filipino customers. He also asked for a few days to meet these customers, and it was agreed that if he did not succeed in selling the stones he was to return them to the shop.

"He never returned them to me, nor did I receive any payment for them," Mr Ma said.

Cracks

He said he went to the Police Station several months later and identified the two diamonds from a large group of diamonds and precious stones. One of the two diamonds had two cracks while the other one had one crack, he said.

The two stones were produced to him and after a close examination with a magnifying glass, Mr Ma identified them as his.

The two stones were then sealed in a transparent plastic bag and marked as an exhibit for the case.

Mr Ma said he had known Yuen for a few years and in the beginning he had a few small dealings with him.

On February 12, Yuen went to his office and selected a quantity of diamonds worth \$110,000. After a little bargain-

ing, they concluded the deal and Yuen signed two cheques for the diamonds. Both were post-dated, one to February 18, and the other to March 6, Mr Ma said.

That afternoon, Yuen returned to the shop with his wife and asked for the two large diamonds to show some customers, Mr Ma said.

Witness said the cheque dated February 18 was presented to the bank but was dishonoured. Up to now, he had received no payment for the \$110,000 worth of diamonds he had sold to Yuen.

He said sometime after Yuen had taken away the two large diamonds, Yuen invited him to play mahjong at the Tai Tung Restaurant.

On February 18, he met Yuen again in a jewellery shop though he did not speak to him. That afternoon, he telephoned Yuen at his house but was unable to contact him.

Earlier, Mrs S. Chaijaval, an employee of Oricon Traders Ltd, importers of diamonds was recalled to the witness box for further cross-examination.

She said in 1957, Yuen bought \$8,880 worth of diamonds from Oricon Traders and in the following year, the value of the stones Yuen had bought from the company was \$238,702.

Denied

She denied that Yuen had bought more than \$1,000,000 worth of diamonds and precious stones from her company up to December 27, 1958.

Mr Oswald Cheung, defence counsel, suggested that accounts of several transactions between the Oricon Traders and Yuen had been "deliberately omitted for the purpose of submitting false returns."

Mrs Chaijaval denied the allegation. "He never bought so much," she added.

Referred to a transaction of diamonds worth \$39,000 on January 27, Mrs Chaijaval said the deal was negotiated between Yuen and Mr J. G. Sammes, head of the jewellery company in Hongkong.

She said she was present during the negotiations and that Mr Sammes had never suggested to Yuen that he should find "some outlet in Japan."

Five transactions

Re-examined, Mrs Chaijaval said there had been five diamond transactions with Yuen since December 27, 1958, totalling \$270,000 which Yuen had never paid.

Yuen is facing six charges of larceny by bailie and simple larceny of diamonds from five firms, Madhusudan and Co, Oricon Traders Ltd, Lee Heng Diamond Co, Sheung Hai Yue Jewellery Co, and Foo Hang Jewellery Co, between January and February, 1959. He pleads not guilty to the charges.

Mr Dermot Rea, Principal Crown Counsel, and Mr George Wille, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting. Mr Oswald Cheung and Mr Charles Ching are defending Yuen. Arraignment is continuing.

Guarding against HK imitations

Bangkok, July 26. Thailand's Ministry of the Interior has decided to restrict local silkworm culture, silk spinning and weaving to Thai nationals.

Aliens in the trade, according to the Ministry's committee on reservation of occupations, do not "retain traditional art in their work."

The committee also said it will guard against imitations of Thai silk work from Hongkong and other places.—AP.

Death of La Salle teacher

A well-known teacher, Brother Wilfrid, formerly of La Salle College, Kowloon, died last night at St Teresa's hospital at the age of 74.

He came to Hongkong 50 years ago and apart from short periods in Malaya and Manila, has been teaching in Hongkong schools.

He retired about ten years ago. Brother Eugene Wilfrid came from French Savoy.

He was at one time headmaster of the Chatham Road branch of St Joseph's College before moving to La Salle.

He was a teacher of general subjects and well-known in the Colony.

There will be a Mass this evening at Teresa's Church at 6 p.m. and the funeral cortege will pass the monument tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

High prices of HK industrial land criticised

The high price of industrial land in Hongkong came under sharp criticism from two sources yesterday.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in a letter to the Government-appointed committee inquiring into an industrial bank, described industrial land prices as "prohibitive."

An article in the latest issue of the Far Eastern Financial Review said, "mysterious machinations by the Hongkong Government in the manipulation of its land policy are causing bewilderment in local business circles."

The Chamber's letter said that an international industrial

concern operating in Hongkong reported that their Kowloon site was the most expensive per square foot of all their world-wide operations.

Five times

Since then prices had increased five times.

This letter, written in September last year but released on Monday night with the committee's report on industrial banks, went on to say that the high price of industrial land obviously increased costs and "were it not for our very cheap labour would render our products uncompetitive."

"The present situation will tend to prevent the rational increase in wages in keeping with inflationary trends and may well lead to more accusations of sweated labour."

The Economic Review said at a recent land sale the hitherto unprecedented step was taken by the official auctioneer of withdrawing a lot put up for sale after bidding had considerably exceeded the upset price.

A 10,000 sq ft Kowloon site had an upset price of \$180,000 and was withdrawn when bidding failed to exceed \$282,000.

Unrevealed

Commented the Economic Review: "It appears that, in pursuit of its latest policy to raise as much revenue as possible from its chief physical asset Government is fixing an unrevealed ceiling price on every lot sold — a confidential figure, whispered into the ear of the auctioneer, as it were, before he mounts the rostrum."

"Judging from recent sales at Kowloon, the mysterious ceiling is in the region of \$30 a square foot."

The article added: the price Government was asking for this land was the price "the financial experts judge to be necessary if the enormous deficit with which they fear they may be faced at the end of the current financial year is to be erased."

dear sir
All they have to say is 'No'

The constitutional controversy reminds me somewhat of the ridiculous furore over the "pools" question. On that occasion dozens of associations representing thousands of people wrote to the various newspapers pointing out the "dangers" of allowing football pools. You didn't agree.

In the present case not a single association has written in against the informal talks but you, Sir, have given us two editorials.

I have usually endorsed your criticisms but in this case I am completely at a loss to understand your attitude.

In your editorial of the 21st Inst, you ask "what guarantee has the public that within a few years one of their number will not be asking for fuller representation?" The answer is "none!"

What guarantee have the people of Hongkong today that dozens of Members of Parliament are not going to get up in the House of Commons and suggest the very thing you, Mr Editor, are so disturbed about? The answer is again "none!"

The important thing is that even if these two well-supported groups manage to get members elected to the Legislative Assembly they will still be a small minority and the official and nominated members will still hold the reins.

If the elected members in a few years raise the question again all Government and its supporters have to do is say "no!" Aren't you making a mountain out of a mole-hill?

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dear sir
No parking

When I arrived at Wyndham Street to park my car in almost the same position as I park it every morning, although ten minutes later than usual, I was approached by a traffic constable who informed me that I could not park in this position because there were no white lines. I informed him that it had been my custom to park there for the last month or so and that in the space immediately in front of my intended parking position, also unmarked, was another car. He told me this car's number had been taken. I reluctantly drove off half a mile away to another position but was amazed when I returned to the office and passed the place I had intended to park in, to find another car there, and no policeman. Is that fair?

Now Ginny does the hula-hula

Honolulu, July 26. A six-year-old beauty, discovered in Hongkong about a year ago, captivated Hawaii's 50th state fair recently.

Tiny Ginny Tu Bee Lin plays piano, sings and tap dances. Any in the short time she was in Hawaii, she turned the hula well enough to do it on stage in her final performance.

The fifth of eight children, dark-eyed Ginny was discovered by an American artist, Ben Stahl. Since then, she has appeared coast-to-coast on 14 television shows and worked in at least 10 supper clubs and theatres.

Ginny is apparently a prodigy, able to practice the piano mentally and get along with actual daily practice that rarely exceeds five minutes. She can't read a note but plays

everything from Mozart to jazz by ear. Ginny's family plans to make Los Angeles their home.—AP.

False passport statement

A guarantor who made an untrue statement to help a friend in procuring a British passport was fined \$500 by Mr D. Cons at Central Court this morning.

Defendant was Mak Siu-yuk, of 39 King's Road, second floor. He pleaded guilty.

Mak declared in a guarantor form that he had known Lui Shu-bang's parents for over 30 years. On Friday Mak admitted that he had no personal knowledge of the applicant or his parents.

American Sailors' gift for Hongkong

Two cheques, one for US\$1,300 and the other for US\$2,000 collected from the 4,000 officers and men of the American aircraft carrier Ranger, were this morning handed over to Hongkong social welfare representatives.

Rev. Fr. Cyril Hirst, of the St Peter-in-Chains Church and Miss Madge Newcombe, Secretary of Council of Social Services, received the cheques.

The two cheques were presented by Captain Donald Gay Jr. at the Ngau Tau Kok, Fuk Wah Village, resettlement area, Kowloon, this morning.

Fr. Hirst said that the US\$1,300 would be used to help build a noodle factory in the Tai Hang Tung resettlement area.

The area of the factory would be 100 feet long and 25 feet wide.

"When the factory is completed, it would be able to make 1,500 lbs of noodles a day."

Miss Newcombe said the cheque for US\$2,000 would be used to build stone houses for refugees in Sai Kung.

Present at the presentation were the Protestant and Roman Catholic chaplains of the 60,000-ton Ranger, the Rev. T. Herrmann and Father F. Heyl.

New manager for China Underwriters

A dividend of 60 cents a share was approved at the annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd, this morning. This is the same as for last year.

The Philippines Compagnia de Seguro, the Philippines Life Assurance Co. and the Philippines Guaranty Co. Inc. were represented by Mr J. J. Lucas, who, it was stated at the meeting, will take over the management of China Underwriters, Ltd on October 1 next.

Mr N. V. A. Croucher, Director, presided, in the absence of the Chairman, Sir Sik-nin Chau.

The Chairman's report stated that life premiums had decreased, mainly due to revaluation of the company's Indonesian business at the end of 1958 and the run-down in its portfolios in Burma and Indonesia.

Premiums in the Fire Department increased slightly but accident premium income diminished. Marine premium income had improved.

Sir Sik-nin Chau, Mr N. V. A. Croucher, Mr P. J. Griffiths and Mr J. J. Lucas were re-elected directors.

Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

From the Files

25 years AGO

July, 1935

JUST back from the jungle and bringing with him 100,000 feet of thrilling film, Mr Frank Buck of "Bring 'em back alive" fame, arrived in Hongkong yesterday on the P and O liner Baldera.

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Several Europeans were included among about 24 drivers summoned before Mr W. Schofield at Central Magistracy for driving without appropriate licences and driving unlicensed cars.

They were R.T.O. Lammert, A.C. Sandler, R. Didear, C.S. Archer of the Chinese Maritime Customs and C.B. Burgess of the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs. They were all fined amounts of between \$5 and \$10.

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THE Wongneichong district resembled a disturbed ants nest yesterday morning when hundreds of Chinese squatters, their womenfolk and children, fled before a concerted drive by the Police and Sanitary Board men to move them from Crown Lands.

About eighty huts were torn down affecting about 300 people.

Action was taken by the officials following numerous complaints from residents in the neighbourhood of the unsanitary conditions under which the squatters were living and the nuisance they caused.

Chief among the complaints, it is understood, was the fact that through the obstruction of streams on the hillside by the squatters, mosquitoes were breeding to such an extent as to be almost unbearable.

Several such raids have been carried out before but previously the dwellings have merely been pulled down with the result that shortly afterwards the inhabitants have returned, rebuilt their homes and carried on as before.

With the growth of Wongneichong as a residential area, the authorities have decided to clear these squatters from Crown Lands in the vicinity for all time, and in this instance, in addition to the measures adopted formerly, have taken away all the debris and impounded all live stock.

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